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Editorials

A PROPHET SPEAKS

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath

One of the most profound and penetrating utterances that it has been our pleasure to read is the recent and impassioned prophecy just spoken by that ardent lover of Humanity, Romain Rolland, and printed in the last issue of the New York Nation. We would be remiss in our duty were we not to hand its substance on to our readers who may not yet have seen it. It is a magnificent and sweeping plea for peace and understanding. Only a few choice paragraphs we reprint below:

"Gaston Riou's leading article in the first number of the *Nouvelle Revue Mondiale* propounds one of the most serious problems confronting European liberals today. I feel I must reply to him without delay, even though I am still ill from an exhausting sickness. Bear with me if my pen should respond poorly to my thoughts.

"Back in those days of the World War, while I was slowly and painfully freeing myself of all the illusions which had bound my youth (official historic lies, lies in the national and racial conventions, lies of tradition and state) I began faintly and tremblingly to hear the liberating response the people should have made, and I dared not utter it. I shall speak out today. It is the answer Lenin made in 1917: let the armies of Europe revolt against the war lords and fraternize on the field of battle. . .

"Poor sheep! 'If the wolf were all, we'd know how to guard against him. But who will protect us against the shepherd?"

"I have never been more than half-asleep, and I have been watching the antics of the bad shepherds for years—their efforts to blockade the U.S.S.R., their scoundrelly collusion with the white émigrés and the reactionary factions, the military missions sent to organize the mercenary armies of Poland or the Balkans. The U.S.S.R. is the prey they aim at. If the plans against Russia have failed so far, it is only because, luckily for it, the big international robbers, the Anglo-Franco-German captains of rapine, have fought clumsily over possession of the bearskin without coming to an agreement. Once the agreement is made and the European business and army bloc is organized, does anyone dream it will lie inactive faced by a Soviet world which is its social negation and whose success would menace its own existence?

"So I ask Gaston Riou, what position will he and his friends take? Which camp? Will he continue to serve the Master of oil and petrol, the Western business bloc, idealogically? Or what will he do? Cards on the table! Here are mine! If the U.S.S.R. is menaced, no matter who its enemies may be, I am on its side. I am not blind to what seem to me to be its mistakes. I have often told Russia directly. But I believe and I know that it incarnates the most heroic adventure, the most solid social hope of the future. If it disappeared I should no longer be interested in Europe's future. I should consider it sociologically damned for centuries to come.

"But that is not all. Another conflagration is flaming outside our doors. To charm her young lovers, the fair Europe whose knight errant is Gaston Riou has borrowed the form of a pretty girl of 1789—the Goddess of Reason with her blossoming breasts bearing the new evangel of the Rights of Man. But she has less pretty features under the make-up. The rest of the world knows her tiger snout. The democracies of today are empires (some would say vampires). These beasts of prey have divided the carcass of the earth. Their appetite is immense. They gorge themselves with the gold and blood of peoples twenty times more numerous than they. The British lion has his claws sunk into the flanks of India, sunk so deep he cannot withdraw them, nor live detached from his prey. We French, who let him capture this magnificent prize in the days of the unfortunate Lally and Louis the Beloved, made up for it rather well later on. Naturally we made away with a fourth of the planet only in order to bring it the light of our civilization, our culture, and our language, which are the most beautiful and perfect of all. But our lucky charges have the ill grace to prefer their own. Ingratitude we know is the law of life. And the great Asiatic races accept no blame for attempting a renaissance of their own. The foremost, Japan, has declared itself adult by force of arms. China, awake now, will never go back to sleep. And, conscious of its power, Gandhi's India has just given the signal for the great emancipation. The rest of Asia will not take long to follow. Our Indo-Chinese empire has already manifested the first awakening twitches, which the procunsuls of our democracy have, naturally, wiped out in blood. The same wakening thrill is coursing through the large body of Islam, which from end to end covers about a third of the old continent.

"The question will arise tomorrow, it has arisen today: Where are Gaston Riou and his friends going to stand—with the Great God Rubber (automotive) flanked by all his pantheon and his holy harem—the Goddess of Liberty, Spiritual Enlightenment, Art, Science, Progress, Civilization? Or with the great brothers, Asia and Africa, trying to snap their chains? I will have no sidestepping. When the duel starts—and the blind selfishness of Europe makes it almost inevitable—what soldiers will docilely help the adventurers of Europe combat a world fighting for independence?

"I answer for myself, pledging no one else, but pledging all of myself: I will not be such a soldier. Europe, if you enter upon this monstrous war I will march against you, against your despotism and your rapacity, and for my brothers in India, China, Indo-China, and all the oppressed and exploited countries. I shall do so not only in the name of justice and the racial rights which you will lyingly invoke, but in the name of civilization itself, of the *greatest* civilization—the unlimited progress of the human spirit.

"I shall hope against all hope that the mighty onset of both hemispheres can still be averted. But if this evantuates I am too near death to hide my thoughts. I say to the U.S.S.R. of Lenin, and I say to the Asia of Sun Yat-sen and Grandhi: Brothers, count on me! I am only one man among millions. But that man is and has all his life been a liberal voice in the West, the voice of the Jean Christophes and the Colas Breugnons, a free worker, brother of the free workers of the world, who want to open the way to a universal labor union, free of the yokes and prejudices of race, caste, and class.

"And I say to Europe: Broaden, Europe, or die! Wed all the new free forces on earth! You are stifling in your outmoded liberty cap, glorious but crushed down over your face. Tear it off! Breathe and let us breathe! We need a home, a country, more far-flung than Europe.

"My country is not yesterday. My country is tomorrow. And the angelus has already rung out this day."

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Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jacobs, Cote St. Antoine Road, have returned from Ottawa where they were guests at the Herridge-Bennett wedding.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Levinson, Strathcona Avenue, are back from a month's trip to Bermuda, New York, and Atlantic City.

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Mrs. H. W. Robinson, and children, McEachran Avenue, motored to Atlantic City where they spent ten days.

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Mrs. M. I. Sigler, 1080 Lajoie Avenue, has returned from New York where she visited her sister, Mrs. Jess Perlman.

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Mrs. A. Strauss, of Peabody, Mass., and sons, Alex and Abe Strauss, spent last week-end at the Windsor Hotel.

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Mrs. Rufus Wolfe, Vendome Avenue, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. M. Bilsky, have returned from Miami, Fla., where they spent the winter.

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Mrs. I. J. Wachman, 3420 Hingston Avenue, was hostess Thursday, April 16, at two tables of bridge in honor of her little daughter, Regina. Mesdames Irene Levitt, Diana Cohen, Florence Jacobson, Bessie Gitnick, Kate Levitan, Kate Manus, Mae Pollick and Mae Shaffrin were there.

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Isidore Herscovitch, Clarke Street, is leaving for Chicago, May 1, to visit relatives whom he has not seen for the past thirty-five years and will be the guest of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wiczer, Douglas Boulevard. He will also visit Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goldberg in South Haven, Mich., and Aaron Herscovitch at Detroit.

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Misses Florence Denenberg, Sid Shapira, and Ada Klein entertained at four tables of bridge and tea, Sunday afternoon, April 19 at the home of Miss Denenberg, Hutchison Street, in honor of Miss Ray Brownstein, a bride-elect. Miss Ada Klein poured the coffee by candlelight, Miss Florence Denenberg cut the ices and Miss Sid Shapira served. The guest of honor was presented with a pair of black and flesh satin lounging pajamas. Prizes were won by Mrs. A. Brownstein and Miss Teddy Englestein. Guests were Misses Bessie and Fay Brownstein, Bessie Goodman, Elsie Litwin, Teddy Englestein Sadie Taffert, Min Rosenthal, Rosetta Rose, Mamie Simcoe, Tilly Vallik, Tessie Pearson, Minnie Frender and Mrs. Ray Bloomfield.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Grover, Vendome Avenue, have just returned from an extended trip to New York, Atlantic City, and Philadelphia.

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M. Smith, of Sherbrooke, Que., was at the Mount Royal Hotel, last week-end.

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Mrs. O. Faerman and children, Donald and Pola, McEachran Avenue, have returned from Miami, Fla., where they spent two months.

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Mrs. A. Nalmer, Esplanade Avenue, is leaving May 1, for Philadelphia, to attend the graduation of her sisters, Helene and Freda, from the Jewish Hospital and Philadelphia General Hospital. She will also visit New York and Atlantic City.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Boronow returned home on Saturday, April 18, by the Duchess of Richmond after travelling for two months in Italy, on the French Riviera, and in England. They visited Rome, Naples, Sorrento and Capri, and spent some time in Paris and London.

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Miss Fay Shuster, 5289 Hutchison St., gave a party on Saturday night, April 18, in honour of her brother, Hyman, who has recuperated from an illness. Guests were: Misses Lily Sack, Essie Shuster, Evelyn Greenspoon, Pearl Mitchell, Sylvia Lecker, Dora Vineberg, Lil Bellam, Janette Gotlieb, Ida Siedman, Clara Caplin, Rose Balinsky, Polly Lawn, Fritzie Stienberg; and Dave Greene, Jack London, Hy. Tannenbaum, Malo Markovitch, Sam Silver, Hymie Kravitz, Si. Klien, Leonard Samuels, Nathan Shuster, Maurice Sibales, Ben Kantor, Harry Lazare, Ben Stromberg, Sig Bloomfield. Entertainment was supplied by Misses E. Sack and E. Greenspoon; and Nathan Shuster, Malo Markovitch, Hy Tannenbaum, Leonard Samuels.

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Mrs. Henry Sprince, of Lewiston, Me., is visiting Mrs. Theodore Caplan, Grosvenor Avenue.

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Miss Vivian Rothschild, of Orange, N.J., is visiting Mrs. Charles Jacobs, Sherbrooke Street West.

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Mrs. Louis I. Shain, of Brookline, Mass., who was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Fenster, 5346 Monkland Avenue, returned home last Monday accompanied by her husband, Louis I. Shain, who spent last week-end in town.

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Miss Jeanette Ein, R.N., of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ein, Vendome Avenue, has returned.

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Miss Anne Schaeffer, Esplanade Avenue, gave a bridge Sunday afternoon, April 12, for Miss Sally Bernard, of Pittsburgh. The tea table was decorated with spring flowers. Mesdames H. Roth, I. Adler, Ben Roter, J. Moscovitz, Joe Bernard, A. Cohen, and B. Schaeffer, and Misses Hilda Pearlman, Muriel Saul, Ida Schwartz, and Evelyn Fraid were there.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Slabotsky were hosts at dinner Sunday, April 12, in honor of their daughter, Sylvia, whose marriage to Dr. Moe Katz, takes place June 21. Covers were laid for forty.

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Miss Gertrude Weinstein, Outremont Avenue, entertained at a bridge and dance Sunday evening, April 12, Misses Esther Steinman, Ethel Berlind, Rae Steinman, Pinnie Tucker, Pauline Lidsky, Rose Steinberg; and Maxwell Ellison, Sonny Steinberg, Joe Jacobs, Sam Altrows, Hy Altrows, Harry Laurie, Albert Ellison, and Jim Rapp.

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Mrs. R. Ness and daughter, Miss Libby Ness, visited Mrs. Ness's daughter, Mrs. H. Ralph, of Lachute, Que., last week.

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Miss Bella Winter, Shawinigan Falls, is spending two or three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. C. Winter, Park Avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. I. Rodin, Frontenac Street, gave a surprise birthday party in honor of their only daughter, Estelle, welcoming Mrs. H. Sitkofsky, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. H. Berlin, Mrs. Sheftelovitch, Mr. and Mrs. F. Berlin, Misses Evelyn Kotler, Annie Kotler, Betty Berlin, Sarah Berlin, Sarah Sheftelovitch, Edith Goldman, Sophie Steinberg, Alice Hussard, Sarah Rachwark, Roslyn Goldstein and Honey Goldenberg; and Victor Rodin, Allan Rodin, Harry Hershenkopf, Louis Sheftelovitch, Abie Sheftelovitch, Bernard Berlin, Ralph Goldberg and Bob Drebin. Misses Evelyn Kotler and Edith Goldman assisted in serving.

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Misses Rae and Esther Steinman, Jeanne Mance Street, entertained at a bridge and presentation Tuesday evening, April 14, in honor of Miss Pauline Madelevsky and Miss Celia Blaukopf, brides-elect. Prizes were won by Mrs. I. Seiler, Misses Gertrude Weinstein, and Peggy Weisberg.

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Mrs. Charles Kandestin, and children, Brodeur Avenue, who spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shain, of Brookline, Mass., have returned, accompanied by Mrs. Shain, who spent a short while here.

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Mrs. Henry D. Chaikin, of New York City, (née Kate Loretta Kriegle) is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Kriegle, Prud'homme Avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. Ginsburg, of Boston, Mass., spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. Greenblatt, Marlowe Avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Max Harlig, of Toronto, who arrived here Tuesday, April 21, are living at their temporary residence, Sherbrooke Street West at Hampton.

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George Abrams, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Abrams, 2180 Addington Avenue, who was bar-mitzvah Saturday morning, April 18, entertained his friends Saturday afternoon. Guests were Tillie Brownstein, Mildred Schaeffer, Sammy Propas, Buddy Propas, Jack Starke, Harvey Friedman, Eli Friedman, Moe Schwartz, Nathan Schwartz, Frank Wilson, Jack Eisenstadt, Eddie Greenberg, and Saul Greenberg.

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Among those who entertained for Mrs. S. Rosenthal, of Syracuse, and Mrs. A. Fridkin, of New York, were: Mrs. M. Oberman, Lajoie Avenue, dinner and evening; Mrs. M. Siabosky, Nelson Avenue, evening; Mrs. M. Zaitlin, evening; Mrs. J. Uditsky, Lajoie Avenue, evening; Mrs. M. Seidman, Nelson Avenue, afternoon bridge; and Mrs. J. Lewis, Old Orchard Avenue, afternoon bridge.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Uditsky, Lajoie Avenue, entertained at a bridge and informal dance Saturday evening, April 18, welcoming Mr. and Mrs. A. Bacal, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bacal, Mr. and Mrs. M. Schneiderman, Mrs. S. Rosenthal, of Syracuse, Mr. and Mrs. N. Dermer, Mr. and Mrs. O. Lecker, Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. A. Fridkin, of New York; A. Kunin, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. I. Trachtenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Trachtenberg. Prizes were won by Mesdames S. Rosenthal, N. Dermer, and Trachtenberg. Supper was served at midnight.

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Mr. and Mrs. Strean, Lajoie Avenue, are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. Strean, of Ottawa.

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Alex Kunin, of Detroit, Mich., who is in town to attend the confirmation of his godson, Clarence Schneiderman, Sunday, April 26, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Morris Schneiderman, Villeneuve West.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Levine and family, Stuart Avenue, and P. H. Pepper motored to Ottawa last week-end and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Strean.

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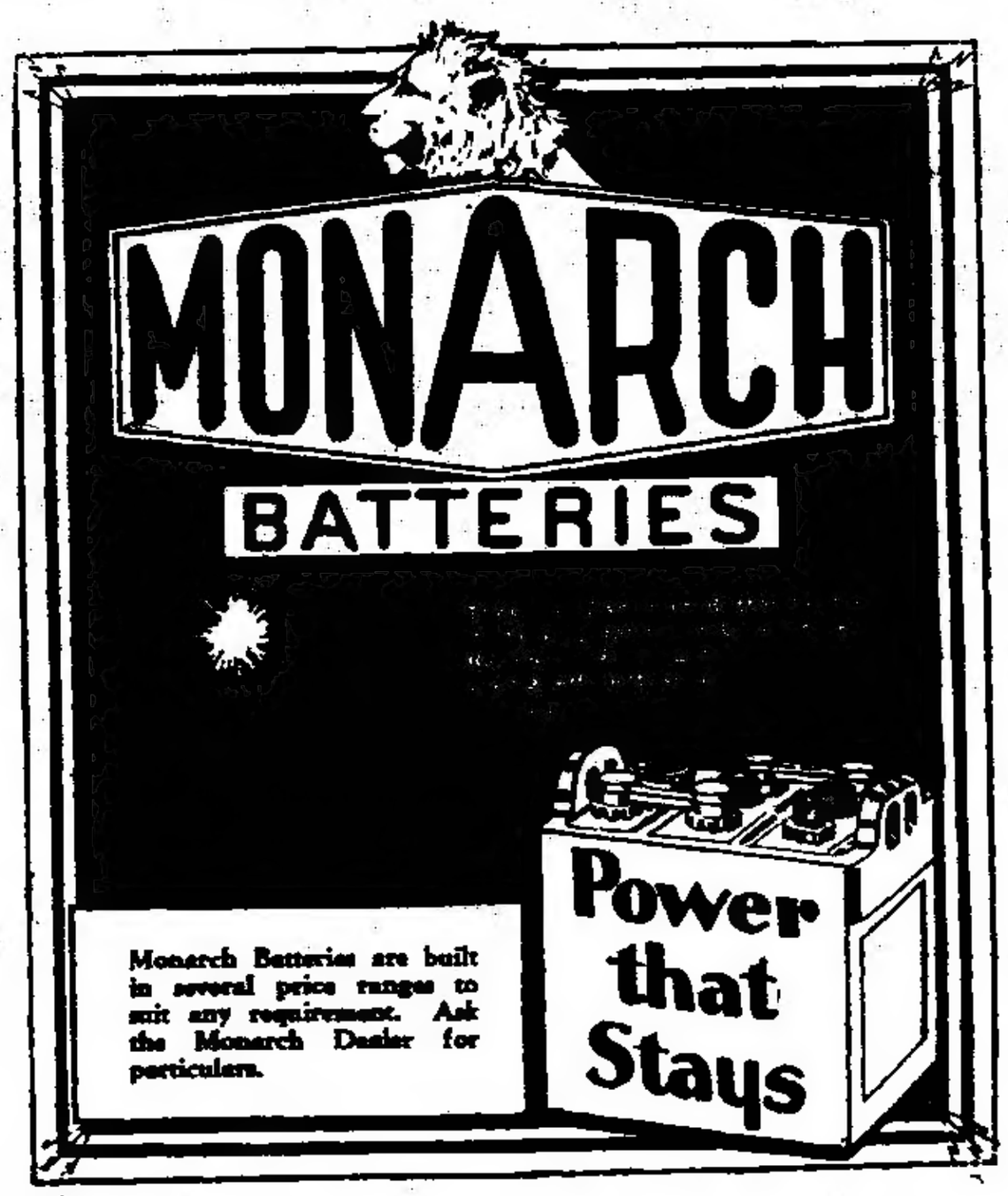
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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cohen and family, 3406 Northcliffe Avenue, have moved to 4560 Draper Avenue.

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Mesdames Jack Moscovitz and Joseph Nissenson were joint hostesses at a personal and linen shower for sixty guests on April 19 at the Samovar Tea Room, as a courtesy to Miss Gertrude Saul, a bride-elect of June.

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Mrs. Jack Moscovitz, Ste. Famille Street, entertained at an informal party for Miss Sally Bernard, of Pittsburg. Bridge was played by Misses Muriel Saul, Anita Saul, Anne Schaffer, Sally Bernard, and Mrs. Harry Roth; and Bosty Mendelsohn, Hy Rosen, Joe Hornstein, Dave Moscovitz, Harry Roth, Jack Moscovitz. Prizes were won by Miss Muriel Saul, Mrs. Harry Roth, and Joe Hornstein.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Shapiro and Mr. and Mrs. S. Liebling, of Quebec, who stopped at the Mount Royal Hotel, have returned home.

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Miss Mary Ashkaloney, Decarie Blvd., came home Tuesday, April 21, from New York, where she spent several weeks.

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Miss Lillian Goldschlager, St. Urbain St., entertained in honour of her sister, Eva, on her birthday Sunday. Covers were laid for twenty-four guests. Bridge prize winners were Misses Eva Bogante Jenny Goodman, Tille Levine, Celia Maron, Sylvia Plotnick and Mrs. Frank Miss Goldschlager received gifts.

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Contributed by S. Talpis, Montreal.

The year 1847 with its disastrous plague which claimed the lives of ten thousand victims in Montreal, was followed by a period of financial depression the like of which has never before been experienced in Canada.

Montreal at that time was going through an industrial stagnation which paralyzed its entire economic life. The economic depression brought forth a strong resentment with the political powers that were, and a movement came into being calling for Canada's annexation to the United States. The Secession movement gained momentum and within a short period most of Montreal's leading citizens became strong adherents of the annexation movement. The annexationists claimed that Canada under English rule was doomed to failure and that its only salvation lay in throwing in its lot with the great republic to the south.

A public meeting to further the cause of annexation was called on Thursday, December 12th, 1849, at the Temperance Hall on St. Maurice St., and a petition was drawn up declaring among others that: "The remedy consists of a friendly and peaceful separation from British connection and a union upon equitable terms with the Great North American Confederacy of Sovereign States."

This petition was signed by one thousand of Montreal's most prominent citizens of both races, and was widely distributed amongst the population. Curiously enough, Benjamin Hart, then at an advanced age, took a leading part in the annexation movement. The proceedings of that meeting, of which the writer has a copy, proves that Benjamin Hart was a moving spirit at that gathering and was one of the first to attach his signature to the petition.

While Benjamin Hart was thus advocating the abrogation of British rule in Canada, his father, Aaron Hart, fought with the British armies under General Wolfe, and also against General Montgomery when the latter invaded Canada during the American Revolutionary War. Aaron Hart took a valiant part in the defence of Canada against the American invaders and throughout his life was a strong upholder of British rule in Canada. At the conclusion of the war which wrested Canada from France. Aaron Hart settled in Three Rivers and there laid the foundation of the future Jewish settlement in Canada.

Ezekiel Hart, the son of Aaron Hart, was the first Jewish member of the Quebec Legislature, and is famous for the brave fight he put up to obtain full civil rights for his co-religionists in Canada. The stand of Benjamin Hart, the son of Aaron and brother of Ezekiel, in championing annexation to the United States, was therefore a keen disappointment to all who held dearly the traditions of the Hart family.

Other prominent Jews who signed the petition of annexation were Samuel Benjamin and Goodman Benjamin.

In 1851, two years after the above occurrence, Samuel Benjamin was elected as Alderman of Montreal. Mr. Benjamin was thus the first Jewish Alderman in Montreal although that distinction has been given by some to Mr. Abraham Blumenthal who was elected Alderman from St. Louis Ward in 1914.

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Miss Anne Gross is leader of the Daughters of Hebron who will stage a play Friday evening April 24, at Zionist Headquarters. Admission on a ticket from a Campaign booklet.

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. B. Strean, of Ottawa (née Celia Pearson, of Albany), April 11, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Klein (née Ethel Cohen) at the Royal Victoria Maternity Hospital, April 15, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Wachman, 3420 Hingston Avenue, (née Anna Baldovitch) March 9 at Dr. Dunstan Gray's Hospital, a daughter.

Marriages

Bacal-Kahne

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kahne announce the marriage of their daughter, Florence, to Charles Bacal, son of Nathan Bacal and the late Mrs. Bacal.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. S. Goodman, Mance Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rose, to Robert Finkelberg, son of N. Finkelberg and the late Mrs. Finkelberg.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Greenspan, Prince Arthur East, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca, to Max Butan, son of B. Butan, formerly of Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Lavut announce the engagement of their only daughter, Dorothy, to Morry P. Buckman, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Buckman.

Approaching Marriages

Mr. and Mrs. A. Slabotsky announce the marriage of their daughter, Sylvia, to Dr. Moe Katz, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Katz, to take place June 21 at Beth David Synagogue.

The marriage of Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Brownstein, to Al Rose, takes place June 7 at Beth David Synagogue.

The marriage of Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Slabosky, to Hyman Pascal, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pascal, takes place June 23 at Beth David Synagogue. Rabbi Abramowitz, assisted by Rabbi Herschorn, will officiate.

Bar-Mitzvahs

Willie Label, of the Montefiore Hebrew Orphans' Home, 4650 Jeanne Mance St., whose bar-mitzvah was celebrated last Saturday at the Synagogue of the Home. Rabbi Rosenberg jr., R. H. Blumenthal, L. Kert, D. Cohen, and S. Lerner spoke. Mrs. D. Cohen and Mrs. B. Gibson, of the Board of Directors, provided refreshments, and Mesdames M. Beecher, H. Schafer, W. Lustgarten, M. Rosovitch, I. Weisberg, M. Rohrlich, S. Lerner, and P. Katz acted as hostesses.

George Abrams, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Abrams, 2180 Addington Avenue, was bar-mitzvah Saturday, April 18, at Shaare Zion Synagogue. Mr. and Mrs. Abrams were at home Sunday, April 19. Decorations throughout the house were carried out with spring flowers. Mrs. Abrams received the guests assisted by Mrs. N. Goldenzweig and Misses Eva Goldenzweig and Lillian Goldenzweig. Mrs. Saul Bromberg and Celia Solomon assisted in serving. George Solomon was toastmaster. Rabbi Julius Berger, J. Feinbrook, A. J. Propas and B. Sussman spoke. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. N. Goldenzweig, Mr. and Mrs. George Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Solomon, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Solomon, Dr. and Mrs. M. Gold, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hubscher, Mr. and Mrs. S. Simack, Mr. and Mrs. H. Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Young, Mrs. J. Kazenel, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. M. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Propas, Mr. and Mrs. H. Propas, Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Levine, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Propas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Feinbrook, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwartz, B. Sussman, J. Pollack, H. Rosenberg, Mrs. Glickman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brownstein, Misses Lillian and Eva Goldenzweig, Celia Solomon, Celia Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. M. Moscovitch and H. Abrams.

Sunday, April 12, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cummings were at home in honor of the bar mitzvah of their son, Hirsch Cummings. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. Abbey, Mr. and Mrs. P. Abbey, Rabbi J. Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Block, Mrs. H. Bloomfield, Mrs. S. Bloomfield, Mrs. Baig, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. L. Cohen, Mrs. Ray Friedman, Mrs. Fingard, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. Leon Fischel, Mrs. M. Greenblatt, Al. Gordon, J. Kellert, Miss Beckie Kellert, Miss Hattie Kellert, Mr. and Mrs. B. Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Kastner, A. Kastner, Miss Blanche Kastner, Mrs. I. Lande, Mr. and Mrs. N. Lande, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morantz, I. Riddell, John Reitman, Mrs. M. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. Radovsky, Mr. and Mrs. Sabbath, Mrs. A. Saxe, Mrs. H. Saxe, Miss C. Samit, Mrs. Wiseman, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. E. Webstein, Miss L. Webstein, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wolfe, Miss E. Williams, Miss E. Williams. Mrs. L. Abbey poured the tea and

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"Sometimes when people censure me,
I tell them without rancor,
That for what it cost me to be free,
I might have had an anchor."

The ugly old timbers of Holy Blossom Synagogue must have shivered under the Passover sermons of Rabbi Eisendrath as he enumerated the ten plagues which infest the spiritual fabric of the Toronto Jewish community. Newer, stronger, handsomer timbers might be forgiven for feeling severely shaken for these are days of effete pulpits unaccustomed to the voice of thundering truth. Rabbi Eisendrath showed his hearers how the plagues of Materialism, Selfishness, Paganism, Hypocrisy, Pettiness, Brutality, Dead Traditionalism, Apathy, Ignorance and Child Sacrifice are destroying the community, body and soul. He called for a leader like Moses to arise from the people and free them from the bondage which makes them behave the way they do and neglect to do the things they should. He hoped for a man with courage and daring, perserverance and lofty vision.

In calling for a leader Rabbi Eisendrath spoke in the traditional role of the American Reform rabbi. He was supplying the exhortation. The others should supply the leadership. But conditions in Toronto are different from those met in other Jewish communities. Toronto is impressively unique. A steady blight falls on what should be the crop of future leaders there so that men who looked like potential leaders last year or ten years ago may be alive and well to-day but not of noticeable prominence. On the whole the leadership, such as it is and what there is of it, is practically the same as it was ten years ago and before. Whatever it is that satisfies the present elders in Toronto Zion fails to attract the rising generation. Or the rising generation, having girded up its loins once or twice, got no better thanks for it than bruises from a stone wall. Or having had to dance at the crack of the platinum-handled whip perhaps the budding leadership sank down too glad to let well enough alone. Or maybe those who have wanted to be leaders were of faked stuff and their names have ceased to be heard because they had desire in the place of ability, hot air instead of the substance of character, and a lack of sincerity which tripped them up when their own self-aggrandizement revealed itself.

In prescribing a Moses for the deliverance of the Toronto Jewish community from evil into nobility and freedom Rabbi Eisendrath reminded his hearers in the synagogue and his readers in the *Review* that the original Moses was not a priest or a rabbi. He arose from the people. But the communal structure of Jewish Toronto is being cursed with plagues that destroy. Is there any hope for it to produce anything of quality while this present structure lasts? Certainly to expect it to evolve a Moses is asking too much. It would be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the Jewish community of Toronto to come forward today with such an answer to the rabbi's prayer as a man of daring, courage, vision and preserverance, plus durability, (a quality which he would sorely need) and the willingness to serve. Perhaps twenty-five years from now when people speak amusedly of these quaint, primitive times the Jewish community of Toronto will have achieved the vigor, the enterprise and spiritual health that comes with all elements welded. Then maybe there will be men present who are valid in the qualities which distinguish leaders from the crowd. If the Russian revolution could happen perhaps another generation of Toronto Jews may be able to triumph over stagnation and mediocrity.

Meantime, if any one in Toronto looks like a leader it is Rabbi Eisendrath himself. Whether or not he is acclaimed as such, whether or not he wants to be he is the leader of the Jews by virtue of what he stands for, what he says, what he thinks, his way of life and his position in the public eye. Rabbi Eisendrath, although practically a newcomer, has taken his place easily among those who guide thought and public opinion. What he says matters to the Jews and to the Gentiles. His influence is not forced by the roll of drums and the fanfare of trumpets or the obstreperous noises that men make when they run in packs. He has the strength of character which, when coupled with the humility that rebukes the loud and the vain, is impregnable. His diagnosis of what ails the Jewish community of Toronto was plain and accurate and of much value as a survey and an appeal to the conscience of the people.

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Mrs. M. Abbey cut the ices. The following assisted: Misses Mamie, Pearl, Ethel and Hazel Balg, Miss Ada Amdur, Miss Sedel Radovsky, Misses Mina and Roslyn Kaufman, Rachel Bloomfield and Mrs. Ralph Cummings.

Sunday evening, April 19, Mr. and Mrs. Moe Abrams were at home in honor of the bar mitzvah of their son, George Abrams. The following were present: I. Abrams, H. Abrams, Rabbi J. Berger, Mr. and Mrs. J. Braunstein, Miss E. Bernstein, Mrs. S. Bromberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Feinbrook, Mr. and Mrs. J. Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Freedman, Mrs. Furrer, of Edmunston, N.B.; Dr. and Mrs. M. Gold, Mr. and Mrs. Goldensweig, Miss Eva Goldensweig, Miss Lily Goldensweig, Mrs. Glickman, Mr. and Mrs. George Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Huysher, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris, Mrs. M. Kazenel, Mr. and Mrs. Moscovitch, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Propas, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Propas, Mr. and Mrs. H. Propas, J. Pollack, Mr. H. Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwartz, Dr. and Mrs. A. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Solomon, Miss Zelda Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Simack, Mr. B. Sussman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. M. Young. The following assisted in serving: Mrs. S. Bromberg, Mrs. Goldensweig, Misses Lily and Eva Goldensweig, Miss Solomon. George Solomon was toastmaster.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Dubitsky invite members and friends to the Sabbath service in Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, Saturday morning, May 2, when their son Myer will be called to the Torah as a bar-mitzvah. Reception and dance Monday, May 4 (Lag B'Omer) at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. This is the only invitation extended.

Y. W. H. A.

At a social gathering of the Board of Directors of the Y.W.H.A. it was decided to extend the campaign for one week. Mrs. Max Bernfeld, Executive Director introduced Clarence Michaels. Miss Bertha B. Friedman, Honorary Secretary emphasized the need of Junior and Midget members and a programme for Juniors up to 15 years of age has been planned. Miss Essie Hirsch, one of the vice-presidents, thanked Mr. Michaels. Miss Nettie Goldman, Office Secretary, announced campaign results. Deka Kwina Club, with Miss Dora Caplan, were in the lead. Mrs. L. L. Cohen and Mrs. J. Rubin were in charge of the tea table, assisted by Mrs. P. Abbey, Misses Mary Vineberg and Libby Selinger. Other members present were Mrs. J. Elkin, Miss Hattie Kellert, and Mrs. S. Bronfman, Treasurer.

Sunday, April 26th, the 'Y' Operatic Society, will be entertained. Invitations to 125 people have been sent.

A programme has been prepared by Miss Bessie Klein, Physical Director, assisted by Miss Becci Cohen, dancing instructor for the demonstration Monday, April 27th., at 8.15 p.m.

MONTREAL HADASSAH

Shaar Hashomayim Chapter of Hadassah held a bridge at the Palace Theatre Monday, April 13, through the courtesy of George Rotsky.

Mrs. S. Cooperstone, Fairmount Avenue, was at home to Queen Esther Chapter, Monday afternoon, April 20. Mrs. D. Rosenbaum presided. Mrs. A. Selick spoke on the Keren Hayesod campaign. Mesdames S. Spires, A. Yankovitch, and S. Rosenberg took cards for canvassing. On the suggestion of Mrs. Selick the chapter pledged $500. Mesdames B. Perlmutter and J. Schulman seconded the motion. Next meeting Monday afternoon, April 27, at Headquarters, Sherbrooke Street West. Mrs. S. Kalman won the raffle.

North End Chapter of Hadassah met at the home of Mrs. A. Poyner, 5250 Park Ave., Monday, April 20th. Tea money, $2.50. Next meeting Monday, April 27th., at the home of Mrs. A. Herscovici, 910 Hartland Ave.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

The Board of Directors of the Montreal Hebrew Orphans' Home acknowledges the receipt of 1 month's supply of candy from the Confectioner's Co.; 1 case of eggs from M. Rudolph; 22 new dresses through the efforts of Mrs. A. W. Jacobs.

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" 25	Ile de France	"	Havre: Plymouth
" 25	Republic	"	Hamburg: Plymouth, Cherbourg
" 27	California	"	Glasgow: Belfast
" 28	Empress of France	Quebec	Southampton: Cherbourg
" 29	Mauretania	New York	Southampton: Plymouth, Cherbourg
" 29	Pres. Roosevelt	"	Hamburg: Cobh, Plymouth, Cherbourg
" 30	Deutschland	"	Hamburg: Cherbourg, Southampton
" 30	Berlin	"	Bremen: Southampton, Boulogne
" 30	Paris	"	Havre: Plymouth
" 30	Homeric	"	Southampton: Cherbourg
" 30	Ausonia	Montreal	London: Plymouth
" 30	Duchess of Atholl	"	Liverpool
" 30	Antonia	"	Liverpool: Glasgow, Belfast
" 30	Melita	"	Glasgow: Belfast
" 30	Gripsholm	New York	Gothenburg: Halifax
May 1	Milwaukee	"	Hamburg: Cobh, Cherbourg
" 1	Belgenland	"	Antwerp: Plymouth, Cherbourg
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" 2	Bergensfjord	"	Havre: Vigo
" 2	Laconia	"	Liverpool: Boston, Cobh
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School of Religion: Junior Assembly Sunday at 11:30 in charge of Miss Estelle Blumenthal and Kindergarten Class. Programme: Recitation, Sydelle Lighter, Joan Solomon, and Thelma Gordon. Sol. Vineberg will be in charge of High School programme: "Court Jews", Elliot Jacobs; "Mahomet," Kenneth Van Gun; piano, Yetta Miller; Bible Reading, Isidor Finkelstein; Ethical Talk, Sol. Vineberg. Miss Eileen Davis, librarian, wants all library books before Sunday, April 26th. No books taken out on or after that. Bible Club, Jack Rosenfeld, director, met at the home of Howard Bernstein, 2 Lansdowne Ave., Sunday afternoon. Highest collection last Sunday, Class 4. Miss Anna Frank, High School, Class 8, Lawrence Marks, perfect attendance. Class 3, Miss Lotte Rabinavitch. Class 7, Miss Frances Katz.

Last Friday evening at the Second High School Graduation Exercises the Valedictory was given by Sylvia Blumenthal. Nathan Gordon, K.C., President of Temple Emanu-El, presented the certificates and Dr. Arthur Feldman, of Reform Congregation, Anshe Sholom, Hamilton, Ont., delivered the address. At a reception by the parents Mrs. M. Margolick and Mrs. S. Blumenthal were in charge. Riva Margolick, Jack Dexler and Sylvia Blumenthal were graduated.

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Sisterhood Rummage Sale week of April 27th at 1249 Guy St. Telephone Mrs. E. P. Van Geun, Mar. 3926; Mrs. J. Roston, Wal. 6596; Mrs. L. Goodman, West 4624; Mrs. J. Lewinson, West. 4052. Closing luncheon May 12th at 1 p.m. at the Mount Royal Hotel. Convenor: Mrs. J. P. Levee, WA. 9664. The Sisterhood made donations towards the campaign for Jews in Abysinnia and voted money to have "Young Israel" sent to Jewish communal institutions of Montreal for the children.

Rabbi Stern appeals to members to remember the C.C.A.R. Pension Fund for assisting superannuated Rabbis and their dependent ones.

Rabbi Stern this coming week will address a group at American Presbyterian Church on "Reflections of Soviet Russia" and at Cavalry United Church on "If I Were a Christian."

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Arnovitz will be named Mortimer Paul at this Sabbath's service. Ushering last Sabbath Eve was under the direction of Jack Wasserman, by Nathan N. Caplan and Bernard Kruger.

Birthdays: Mrs. Milton Felson, Charles N. Sommer, Richard Kramer, John Kuppenheimer.

Miss June Schwartz and Miss Audrey Goldstein have donated books to the School Library and Mrs. J. Isaacs sent money for prizes and books.

Kaddish was read in memory of Moritz Aron, Rubin Goldstein, Edward Silverstein, Rebecca Wolfe, Moses Joshua Samuelsohn, Anathole Ashkaloney.

Shaare Zion Congregation, Claremont Avenue, below Sherbrooke Street. Rabbi Julius Berger.

Services, Sabbath at 6:30; morning at 9. Sermon on Torah portion. Mincha, 6:40. Maariv, 7.

Young People's Assembly met Tuesday evening, April 14, at the home of Miss Rose Cohen, Vendome Ave. Rabbi Berger was unanimously elected Honorary President. Dance committee: Lenora Braunstein, Elsie Lazarus, Lillian Nagley, Babe Issenman, Maurie Taylor (Chairman), Charlie Laing, Sam Wallach, Joe Laing. Next meeting Tuesday, April 28, at the home of Miss Lenora Braunstein, 3549 Northcliffe Ave.

The tennis court adjoining the synagogue is being re-fenced and re-levelled.

Sisterhood executive met at the home of Mrs. J. Feinbrook, 5166 Sherbrooke St. West, Tuesday evening, April 14. Annual bridge convenors, Mesdames A. Aronson and M. Tennenhouse.

Those who desire to present medals or prizes to the Religious School communicate with the Rabbi.

Colin Spiegel is a new member.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. Frank on their marriage anniversary.

Yahrzeit will be observed in memory of Z. H. Lazarus, Alexander Hershorn, Abram Adelstein.

Beth David Congregation, 422 St. Joseph Blvd. West, Outremont. Rabbi S. Herschorn.

The Sisterhood met April 15th and heard Isidore Popliger and Rabbi S. Herschorn speak. Mrs. S. I. Schwartz and Mrs. W. Hahamovitch gave the votes of thanks. The hostess was Mrs. H. Lassner. A bridge will be given by Mrs. J. Rosenthal, 823 Dollard Ave., April 29th at 2.30 p.m. Friends invited.

Shaar Hashomayim, Rabbi Herman Abramowitz, Cote St. Antoine Road, Corner Kensington.

The Sabbath Sedra—Achrai Mos—Kedoshim . Friday services at 6.30. Sabbath at 8.45. Mincha at 6.30. Maariv at 7. Next Friday services at 7.30 (Daylight Saving Time) Sermon: "Love for the Stranger".

Milton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Radovsky, will this Saturday, morning be called to the reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah.

Gerald Bronfman, past president of the Junior Congregation spoke on "The Legend of the New Moon" at services Sabbath morning. The honours of opening the Ark and taking out the Scrolls were given to Jack Blumer and Solly Elin, and the following were called to the reading of the Law: Seymour Cohen, Tommy Greenspon, Bernard Engel, Otto Steinberg, Robert Goldman, Gerald Bronfman, Mr. A. Klein and Lionel Kauffman. The honours of Haghah and Gelilah for the first Scroll were given to Arthur Bloomfield and David Abramowitz; and for the Second Scroll to David Sabbath and Robert Levine, respectively. The weekly portion of the Law and the Haftorah were chanted by Lionel Kauffman. The boys received full responsibility of conducting Sabbath services, when the weekly portion of the Law was read last Sabbath by Lionel Kauffman. He will continue to be the Reader of the Law at regular Junior services in the Beth Hamidrash.

"Oneg Shabbos" party Saturday afternoon, April 25th for all members. Rabbi Abramowitz will speak. Discussion led by Marvyn Goldfine, president.

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JEWISH SCHOOL COMMISSION RESIGNS IN A BODY

Claiming that the repeal of the Jewish Schools Act of 1930 places the Jewish members of the community in Montreal and its neighborhood in a position of inferiority to the other citizens, the members of the Jewish School Commission have resigned in a body.

Their reasons are set forth in a letter addressed to Hon. L. A. Taschereau, Premier of the Province, by S. W. Livingston, chairman of the board, as follows:

"I regret very much the necessity of herewith handing you the resignations of the members of the Jewish School Commission of Montreal.

"In explanation of our action, I wish to state as follows:

"The Jewish School Commission accepted office under the provisions of the Act of 1930, known as Act 20, George V. Chapter 61. Among the rights and powers conferred upon the Commission by this act was that of equality with the other school commissions of Montreal. Clause 10 of this act states:

"'The commission shall be vested, in respect of the education of persons of the Jewish faith, with all the powers vested in the Montreal Catholic School Commission and the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of the City of Montreal, in respect of education in their schools respectively.'

"In accordance with such powers, we entered into formal agreements, for a period of 15 years, with the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of the City of Montreal and the Protestant Board of School Trustees of the City of Outremont, for the education of children of the Jewish faith, which agreements were considered fair and satisfactory to both Protestants and Jews, and in the best interests of the community generally.

"The Legislature has now passed an act confirming the said agreements, but repealing the Act of 1930, including Clause 10 aforesaid. Whereas we have no objection to legislation that had for its purpose the confirmation of these agreements, we feel that it was entirely unwarranted that such legislation should, in addition, have taken away from the Jewish School Commission of Montreal, the status of equality granted by the Legislature in 1930. While the bill containing the recent legislation was still pending, we conferred with you and presented our objections thereto, and we particularly urged that Clause 10 of the Act of 1930 be retained. Our objection was disregarded, and furthermore, an amendment introduced in the Legislature, containing the equivalent of Clause 10, was rejected.

"The Jewish School Commission of Montreal, representing the Jewish community of the Island of Montreal, feels that the school problem can never be settled as long as any portion of the community is left in a position of inferiority to the rest of the community. The recent legislation places the Jews of Montreal in a position which is intolerable, unfair and contrary to the tradition of the Province of Quebec, which recognizes equality for minorities and majorities. As a protest against the injustice and indignity of the recent legislation, the Jewish School Commission of Montreal resigns."

"It is a matter primarily for the Jews to decide," stated Premier Taschereau, when questioned on the resignation.

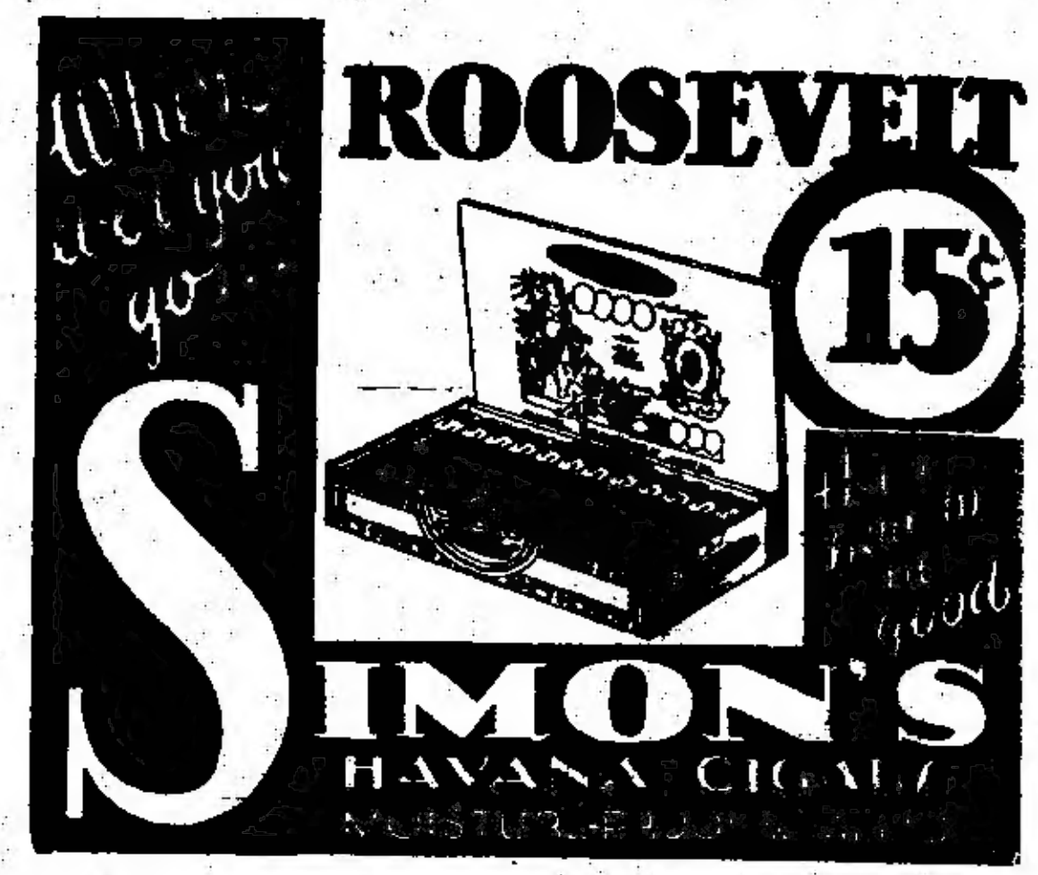
"I received the letter of resignation yesterday," the Premier explained, "and I consider that it would be premature to discuss the problem which it raises, before meeting the Commissioners to discuss privately the whole matter.

"At this meeting, I expect to obtain from them an option as to the best manner of reorganizing the body, which still remains in the legislation voted last session, though with reduced jurisdiction.

"It is because of this reduction of powers, seemingly, that the Commissioners have resigned. They have been named last year to endeavor to come to an arrangement with the Protestant School Board, as regards the education of Jewish children in the Protestant schools of Montreal. They have achieved this end and a contract was signed between Protestant and Jewish school boards, which settles the problem for some time to come. Because of the contract, certain powers which the Jewish Commissioners possessed have naturally become useless, which explains why they do not appear in last session's bill. Under the circumstances, it is perhaps possible that Mr. Livingstone and his colleagues may have decided to resign, so as to leave others the task of controlling the execution of the contract ratified by the Legislature.

"But it is a matter for the Jews to decide, and in which no other body has a right to interfere. It is not absolutely necessary to have a full commission, as previously, to survey simply the execution of the contract concluded with the Protestant Board. As a matter of fact, the Jews might decide not to replace the resigning commission at all, relying on the Protestant School Board for the full execution of the contract, there being reason to suspect that the latter body would try to evade its obligations.

"Naturally, again, the interested parties can always come back before the Legislature for the solution of other problems which may arise in relation to the matter, and the Government may also intervene if necessity arose for it. But this is only speculation, for there are no reasons to believe that any such eventualities occur. However, I repeat that the Jewish community has the full say in the matter, in the limits of the law, and I will await their decision before saying anything more."



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Mrs. H. Levine was hostess at a meeting of the Ladies' Bikur Choilim Society at her home, 786 Stuart Avenue, Outremont, in memory of the late Mrs. I. Levine. Mrs. H. Levine donated a pair of bath towels which were raffled realizing $10.65. They were won by Mrs. G. Endleman, who redonated them to be auctioned, and were bought by Mrs. Goldberg for $1.65. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Mendel.

ORIGINALEAGUE

Miss Mollye Shapiro, Bernard Ave W., entertained the Originaleague at a pajama party Saturday, April 18th. Present were: Misses Tillie Fliger Sophie Laiken, Dorothy Boyaner Alice Cuttler, Belle Kaylor, Pearl Kugelmass, Mollie Wener, Susie Ikeman, Mildred Zeidon, Lil Isenberg, and Fanny Shemin. The hostess was assisted in serving by Sophie Laiken and Pearlie Kugelmass Miss Dorothy Boyaner entertained

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Annual Boys' Week program: Sunday, April 26th., Hobby Exhibit; Monday, Boys Day in Industry; Tuesday, Boys Day in School, and championship swimming meet; Wednesday, Boys Day in Gym; Thursday, Boys Health Day, all are under the direction of Ben Herman, head of the Boys Department. The Diplomats Club will be general hosts and ushers. Dr. A. O. Friedman, Mr. Clarke of the Kiwanis Club, and Mr. Astbury, Principal of Baron Byng High School, will speak.

Louis K. Caplin, newly-appointed President of the Baseball Club, is sponsoring the first annual Baseball Club Dance in the Y.M.H.A. Auditorium Lag B'Omer night, Tuesday, May 5th.

Joseph Hornstein, President of the "Y" Service Club, has been appointed chairman of a committee to arrange Old Boys Night.

Wednesday, May 20th., scores of volunteers in all departments of the Y.M.H.A. will receive recognition due them. Presentations. There will be organized the Kovod Society of the Y.M.H.A., to which only 5 men will be added each year in future by election from among all candidates for honours. Kovod Evening will be open to the public.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE MUSIC RECITAL

A programme was given by the children of the piano, singing, and dancing classes of Neighborhood House, 3958 Laval Avenue, Sunday, April 19th., at 3 p.m. Sixty girls took part.

Since the beginning of a Music School at Neighborhood House three years ago, Miss Jeannette Enzer has been in charge of the piano lessons and is assisted this year by Misses Anna Klein and Sophie Sharb. Miss Cecil Cohen has been the dancing director, assisted by Mrs. Lionel Rose, pianist; and Mrs. Lionel Spero has conducted the singing class. Cecile Hayber, Minnie Sussor, Sarah Cattenbaum, Mathilde Dilbro, Lillian Glassman, Marion Steinman, Annie Cadras, and Dorothy Silverman gave special numbers.

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MONTREAL FEDERATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Montreal Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Sunday in Baron de Hirsch Institute, the following officers were elected: Mark Workman, Maxwell Goldstein, K.C., Michael Hirsch, Lyon Cohen, Al Lesser, honorary presidents, Samuel Bronfman, A. Z. Cohen, Jos. Cohen, K.C., M.L.A., N. Deakin, C. B. Fainer, Leon H. Fischel, Samuel Hart, A. H. Jassby, Allan Bronfman, David Kirsch, Dr. Simon Kirsch, Felix Leopold, J. Levinson, Sr., H. M. Ripstein, Louis Salomon, Joel B. Saxe, Martin Simon, M. M. Sperber, K.C., are on the board of trustees.

J. Levinson, Sr., presided at the meeting.

Special funds available from the federal, provincial and municipal authorities, Allan Bronfman pointed out, enable Federation to carry on to advantage up to the present time. These monies, however, were all used up, and he stressed the necessity of collecting outstanding subscriptions. In passing, he mentioned that a special June collection campaign would be instituted to meet the exigencies of the moment.

Mr. Bronfman paid tribute to the efforts of Jos. Cohen, K.C., M.L.A., and Peter Bercovitch, K.C., M.L.A., in encouraging the Government to increase its grant from $5,000 to $15,000. Ald. Max Seigler, was praised for his work in inducing the city of Montreal to increase its contributions, as well as the waiving of water taxes on many persons listed on the family welfare books.

Ernest G. F. Vaz, executive director, was instrumental in initiating representations to the federal Government from the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the Montreal Council of Social Agencies for an exemption from income tax collections to charity within 10 per cent of the contributor's home, Mr. Bronfman added, in announcing the official appointment of Mr. Vaz as executive director from that of director.

Referring to the successful campaign for $300,000 instituted by Federation, J. P. Levee, chairman of the business men's council, stated that the assistance of the various individuals and organizations helping in the drive were deserving of mention and praise.

In connection with the work of the Baron de Hirsch Institute during the past year, M. M. Sperber, K.C., president, called attention to the necessity of a Jewish Home for Incurables. "Whilst a few weeks ago the city administration passed a resolution ceding the ground for such an institution, nevertheless, owing to the protests the residents of the ward where it was proposed to build the institution, the city council cancelled the resolution. The city council is on record that it will provide a suitable site for such an institution, and it is for those interested in the matter to get together with the civic authorities and to choose a fit and proper location for a building to meet the requirements of our Jewish incurables," he declared.

Malca H. Friedman, supervisor of the family welfare department, said: "Among the 802 families with whom the department had contact in 1930, there were 1,080 children under the age of 14 years and 512 children, mostly adolescents.

The Mount Sinai Sanatorium stands as an august monument to the communal and philanthropic endeavors of Montreal Jewry, Louis Salomon, president, stated in his report at the annual meeting.

The assets of the Federation stand at $118,686.34, according to the fourteenth annual report.

Expenditure during the year amounted to $142,756.62, apart from the $1,002.02 subsidy to the Mackay Institute for Deaf Mutes. Administration cost $315,121.10; income was $57,876.73; subscriptions amounted to $155,953.25; donations totalled $81,660.38, and sundry income from discounts and interest was $315,121.10.

In the course of his presidential report, J. Levinson says:

"Our community deserves the highest commendation for the generous spirit manifested by all classes in response to the urgent appeal to save Federation. In times of distress, human sympathy seems to reign supreme in the heart of man. In spite of adverse business conditions, Montreal citizens have been very liberal to their charities in general. The various drives which took place during the latter part of 1930 resulted in reaching their set objectives. It was gratifying to observe the spirit of co-operation in evidence on all sides. Neither class nor creed was considered in the urgent appeals to alleviate human want.

"On behalf of the Jewish community, I wish to take the opportunity of expressing grateful appreciation to our Gentile friends for the moral and material support so generously extended during our strenuous efforts to reach the goal we set out for.

"I particularly desire to mention the kindness and consideration of Mr. E. W. Beatty, K.C., president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who rendered first aid at the campaign opening banquet. His own generosity and that of his company proved an inspiration to many others. His wholehearted utterances that evening served as a powerful impetus to our workers, and greatly stimulated our determination to achieve success.

"We also feel greatly obliged to Rev. Father McShane for his benevolent interest manifested in our work, and for gracing our gathering by his attendance on the night of the closing rally.

"Others who have favored us with their presence at the various gatherings during the campaign were, Norman Dawes and Norman Holland, and Dr. Helen Y. Reid.

"The most important event in the year's activities of Federation was the opening of the New Mount Sinai Hospital at Ste. Agathe.

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cent are Jewish, and the remainder non-Jewish. Much credit is due to the president, Louis Salomon, and the energetic members of his board, for having brought this great undertaking to a successful termination. Again remembering the generosity of our provincial Government, without whose assistance the enterprise could not have been accomplished."

Allan Bronfman, chairman of the executive committee, in the course of his report says:

"During the year, the character of our community and its deep interest in the welfare of our organization revealed itself in the manner in which one and all rallied to Federation's call as never before. The general anxiety which manifested itself in a number of emergency meetings called in the early part of the year to consider the situation with which Federation was confronted resulted in an unprecedented marshalling of forces with a determination that the poor in our community would not suffer because of the business depression.

"In consequence, we were able to procure in our last campaign the largest number of additional subscribers and donors ever added to Federation's list in one year. This is of value not merely in the dollars and cents represented but in reaffirming the community's unbounded faith in the cause which Federation serves, and its determination to continue to support Federation institutions, irrespective of the vicissitudes of fortune."

CHAIRMEN CHOSEN

Elites Club have chosen the following members as their committee chairmen: Abe L. Lazar, Publicity; Hy Yancovitch, Educational; J. B. Barken, Athletics; and J. Stein, Social and Dramatics. During the summer sports will be tennis and baseball. Social in May.

PACK FOOD PARCELS

Six hundred food parcels for residents of Verdun Protestant Hospital, containing buttered buns, fruits, etc., were packed at the home of Mrs. M. Minsk, Clarke Street, by the following members of the Ladies' Soimech Noifiem Society: Mesdames Y. Alterman, M. Minsk, P. Fogel, A. Herscovitch, B. Black, B. Enkin, and B. Feldstein, with the assistance of Misses Molly Minsk, and Lena Alterman, Wexler Fruit Co. Ltd. donated a box of apples. The parcels were delivered to the hospital by Mesdames Y. Alterman, M. Enkin, B. Feldstein, M. Basboim, S. Adler, P. Fogel, M. Block, and F. Balactan.

AUXILIARY TO PLAN BAZAAR

Ladies' Auxiliary, United Talmud Torah, meets Wednesday afternoon, April 29th, at the Mount Royal Hotel to discuss the bazaar, for the 13th and 14th of October in aid of the Hebrew Educational Institute. General meeting at 3 p.m. Special meeting of the Board and convenors at 2 p.m. Mrs. E. G. Bernstein, convenor, has been convenor for all Hadassah Bazaars.

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Charles C. Hershon

Montrealer Returns from Holy Land

Charles C. Hershon, of Montreal, has returned after a world cruise which included a stay of three weeks in Palestine. He saw Dr. Ben and Joseph, formerly of Montreal, and Mordecai M. Zlotnik, son of Rabbi and Mrs. J. L. Zlotnik, who is a student at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Of his experiences Mr. Hershon says in part:

"What impressed me most and which made me very happy were the Police Stations and barracks scattered everywhere. British Soldiers protected the sections. At the Wailing Wall, there were only two soldiers stationed, an Arab and an English Tommy, each in his own distinct uniform was at his post reading a book in his own language. In my conversation with the British soldier I learned that there was very little trouble during his watch and that the people respected the soldiers. I was also advised that the telephone would at a moment's notice bring on the

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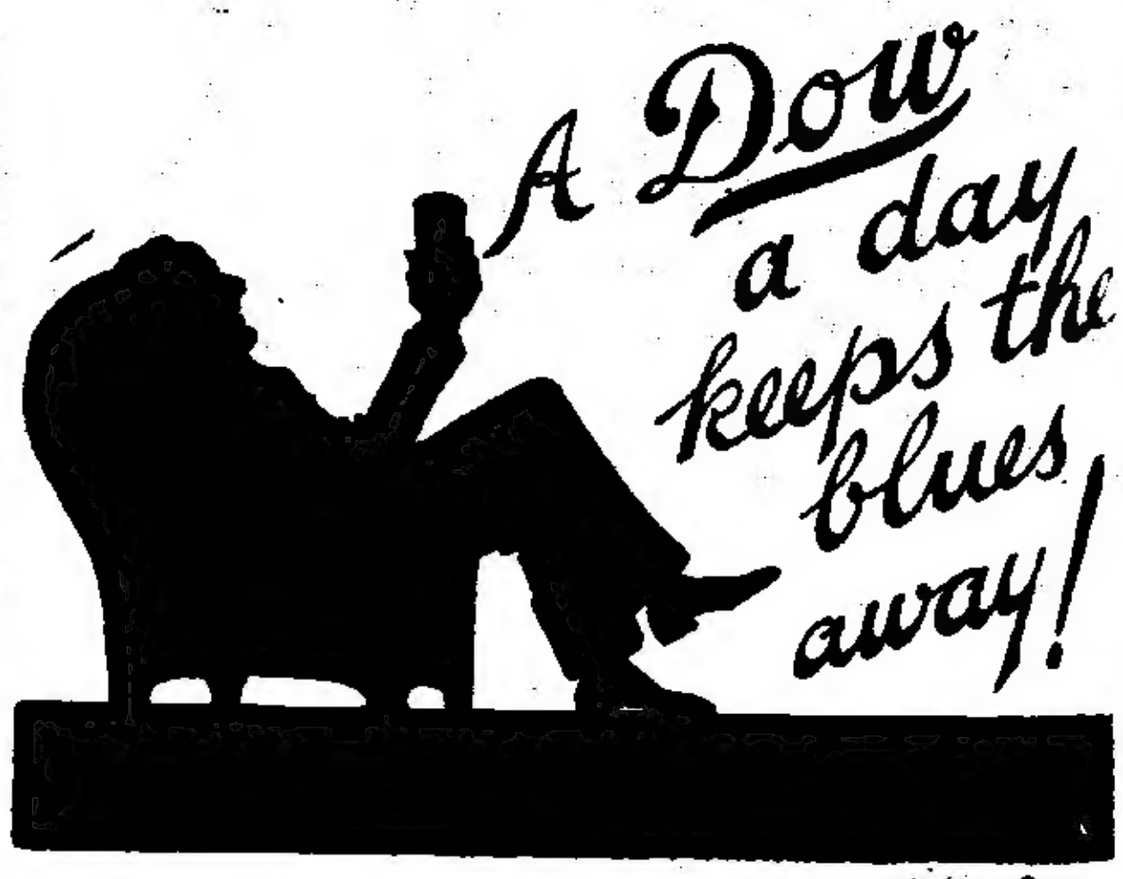

soldiers from the different barracks. While I was talking, I noticed a little girl of 13 or 14 crying bitterly with her head covered facing the wall. A few minutes later a party of 15 men, dressed in rags, came to 'davon Mincha' at the wall. They went through the prayers and the only witnesses were the soldiers, the little girl and myself. I enjoyed listening to the Jewish people all about talking Hebrew. Yiddish Jewish language means little there and you only hope that you knew Hebrew well so that you can converse with the people. The Jaffa Road on a Saturday afternoon is crowded with Jewish people on parade after shule and dinner. They are seen walking about the streets with their families.

"Tel-Aviv is the wonder city of the world and practically in desert land. Remains from Jaffa, the old city is poorly built, filthy, crowded and most of the population is Arabian. All only a short distance away 8 or 9 years ago was nil. To-day it has a Jewish population of 40,000 with a modernly arranged city, beautiful stores, wide streets, and sanitary. Every inch is Hebrew, the streets, the names, the signs over the stores, the Police Department, the Chief and the Fire Department. I had the good fortune to arrive in Tel-Aviv on Friday noon. I stopped at the Palatin Hotel and before I realized it was 4:30 and everything was closed in the city at the arrival of Shabbas. Saturday at 8 a.m. looking out of the hotel window, I saw the sidewalks crowded with people on their way to shule. I joined the crowd and soon entered a great Synagogue, the largest in Tel-Aviv. What impressed me most was the modern manner in which the people dressed. In Jerusalem, they were garbed in the old-fashioned dress of Central Europe and most of the men had long beards. In Tel-Aviv I saw only a young Jewish population prepared to build and live for the future. This great synagogue was completed only a short time ago and all of its furniture has not been installed. The windows at the top of the dome were all open and the birds could be seen flying through the synagogue singing. My arrival at Tel-Aviv was only a few days before Purim and all were preparing for a carnival. A beautiful Jewish girl was selected as Queen Esther and driven through the streets surrounded by the young people in fancy dress. The Jewish people from the colonies all gathered to watch the wonderful spectacle. The old wish was: 'When you are old, go to Palestine to die.' It has been changed to 'If you want to live a real Jewish life, go to Palestine.'

Mortimer M. Zlotnik, son of Rabbi and Mrs. J. L. Zlotnik, of Montreal, who is a student in the Institute of Oriental Studies, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Mr. Zlotnik acquired his Arts degree at McGill University.

HAMILTON RABBI SPEAKS HERE

Education is life, survival and preservation, Rabbi Arthur A. Feldman, of Anshe Sholom Congregation, Hamilton, Ont., stated in his address "The Aims of Jewish Education" at the second annual high school graduation exercises of Temple Emanu-El, Sherbrooke street west, Friday night, April 17. The speaker emphasized the fact that he was not pleading for the consciousness but the unconsciousness of Judaism.

In enlarging upon this idea, Rabbi Feldman said that the aim of a Jewish education primarily was to instill a Jewish consciousness. "Judaism to be indestructible, however, must be deeply rooted in the heart of a person. To meet this requirement, it must be instilled in the nursery, for it is in the first five or six years of a child's life that are the most impressionable. Then it is that character, disposition and ambition are formed. A truly Jewish atmosphere in the home, therefore, is of utmost importance," he declared, "for its teachings remain an inseparable part of one's personality."

The ennoblement of man was instanced as the secondary role of education. "Men who have knowledge and learning can easier overcome their lower natures and rise to the heights of saintliness The essence of Judaism is its distrust of the uneducated, the illiterate and the uncivilized. Freud, in questioning man's power to rid himself of his unconscious mind, expresses the belief that there are no other means of overcoming our lower natures than our mentalities. But Jeremiah, the prophet, more than 2,500 years ago bid man to take heart, for goodness and virtue would be engraved on the unconscious mind of man," Rabbi Feldman said.

Judaism aims at knowledge converted to right living, which in turn is applied to a noble life, he continued. "It does not want theoretical thinkers or abstract students, but civilized and cultured men. A man who combines knowledge with its practical education to a moral life can use his tools with more perfect mastery. It is up to you graduates of tonight to justify your religious school and bring honor to its honorable name," he concluded.

Nathan Gordon, K.C., president, presented the diplomas to the members of the graduating class: Riva Margolick, Sylvia Blumenthal and Jack Wexler.

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Pulpit flowers last week were the gift of Mrs. Jake Levy in memory of her mother.

Rabbi Eisendrath will meet with the mothers of those who are to be confirmed this year Tuesday, April 28th, at 4.

Sunday Morning Assembly: Miss Tanzer's Class in charge Lucille Singer told a story about Hillel. Edgar Simon outlined the life of Moses Maimonides. The life of Moses Montefiore was given by Morton Berg. Howard Phillips played the piano. At the Sunday Afternoon Assembly Mr. Tarshis' Class presented a play "Jeremiah", written by Doris Dworkin.

Supper meeting of the teachers of the Religious School Wednesday, April 29th, at 6.

Rabbi Eisendrath spoke last Monday evening on the same program with the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister, at the annual banquet of Denton Massey's York Bible Class. Rabbi Eisendrath has addressed the Young Men's Club of the College Street United Church, the campaign dinner of the Talmud Torah; served as chairman of the Will Durant Lecture; spoke at the annual banquet at the High Park United Church; addressed the Women's University Club at Hamilton, Ontario, and the Hadassah Organization at St. Catharines.

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Annual congregational dinner was held last Sunday night. Meyer Weisgal was chairman. Rabbi Sachs delivered greetings. Toasts were given by Mrs. M. Weinstock, Mrs. I. H. Siegel, Samuel Factor, Miss Anita James, I. Brodey, David Siegel, and Nathan Levinne. Songs by Cantor Barkin, Sarah Barkin and Jack Barkin. Murray Ankin recited.

Young Israel of Toronto, Talmud Torah Building, Brunswick Avenue.

Services Sabbath Achrei Mows.—Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. I. M. Cass will deliver the sermon. Last week M. Levi addressed the congregation.

SOCIETY HEARS SPEAKER

At a meeting of the Canadian Hebrew Benevolent Society Sunday, April 19th, at the Pythian Castle Hall, an address was delivered by Professor Blatz, of Toronto University, on "Russia as I found it". The speaker was introduced by Dr. J. Pollock.

NEW EXECUTIVE

The Roumanian Ladies' Auxiliary, Adath Israel held a Passover tea and bridge in the Synagogue chambers attended by 72. A telegram was received from Mrs. J. Karlan, who was visiting in Atlantic City. The Auxiliary held a committee meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Goldenberg, 50 Kingston Road. Mrs. L. Hertzman, President, welcomed newly appointed executive officers: Mesdams A. Joseph, L. Kohan, J. Hertzman, G. Fine, W. Goodman, I. Pezim, M. Goldberg, D. Martin, B. Fabish, M. W. Hertzman, J. Havelock, S. Snitzer, D. Moskowitz, H. Altman, D. Abramowitz, J. Ellias, B. Haladner, S. Silverman, S. Goldenberg, M. Ingles, H. Lazaresco, H. Moses, B. Swartz, L. Berkovitz, H. Signer, J. Karlin and Miss Yetta Snapp. A general meeting was held Tuesday evening, April 21st, at the Synagogue chambers, followed by a bridge and luncheon.

St. Catharines, Ont.

April 5th a four-act comedy was given under the auspices of the Hebrew Ladies Aid Society. Cast: Mrs. H. Bestansky, Misses Pearl Clayman and Rona Tomarin; and Joe Stein, Morton Morris, M. Luck, M. Minden, J. Katzman, H. Clayman and Harry Tomarin. Committee: Mesdames H. Rubin, J. Hoffman, S. Pugrant, L. Zett, and J. Zalavinsky. Mrs. M. Morris announced the program and Mrs. S. Feldman presented each player with a gift on behalf of the society.

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Sunday, April 12th, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lefstein gave a reception in honor of their youngest son, Itzzie's bar mitzvah. About 100 guests were present. Mrs. Lefstein was assisted by her sisters-in-law, Mrs. S. Pugrant, and Mrs. J. Levine. Reverend C. Stein sang and Mr. Nirenberg, the Hebrew teacher, spoke.

Dr. Will Durant who spoke at Massey Hall, Tuesday evening, April 14th, under the auspices of the Holy Blossom Forum. His subject was: "The Ten Greatest Thinkers of the World." Sketch by J. M. Kamin, Toronto Jewish artist.

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Mrs. Rebecca M. Seligman, of New York, President of the New York State Conference and Vice-president of the National Board, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Samuel, Hillholme Road.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cohen, Warren Road, entertained at dinner Tuesday evening, in honor of their guest, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, of Cleveland, Ohio.

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Miss Marie Ginsberg, of Geneva, Switzerland, Economics Librarian of the League of Nations and Professor of Economics of the Social School of Women, was the guest of Mrs. Harry Rotenberg, Warren Road, last week-end.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sol Lorie, Clarendon Apartments, returned home by motor from Palm Beach, Fla., where they spent the winter.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. Brenner, Lawton Boulevard, are home after spending the winter in the South.

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Mrs. Moise Franckel, Bloor Street West, left to spend a month with Mrs. A. I. Newman, of Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mrs. Herman Mendelson, Dunvegan Road, returned on Sunday from New York.

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A. Levin, Lyndhurst Avenue, sailed last week, on the Majestic for England.

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Mrs. Lawrence Kert, Poplar Plains Road, returns Monday from a three weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Meretsky, of Windsor, Ont.

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Mrs. Joseph Sweet, of Hamilton, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. A. Simonsky, Brunswick Avenue.

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Mrs. M. S. Till, Boulton Drive, who has spent the past ten days in Atlantic City and New York, returns home the latter part of this week.

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Mrs. W. Rosenthal, Wells Hill Avenue, who has been in Cleveland, Ohio, for the past three weeks, is at home.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Nathanson, Lyndhurst Avenue, who spent the winter in Miami Beach, Fla., are at home.

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Mrs. Percy Hermant, Heath Street West; Mrs. Meyer Brenner, Lascelles Boulevard; and Mrs. Harry Samuel, Hillholme Road, came back Monday from Albany, N. Y., where they attended the New York State Council of the Council of Jewish Women.

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Mrs. A. Rosenthal, Russell Hill Road, returned on Tuesday from a visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phillips, in Syracuse, N.Y.

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Mrs. Kenneth de Sola Joseph, Lauder Avenue, who spent the past ten days in New York, returns home on Sunday.

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Mrs. Alfred King, Avenue Road, left Friday for a three weeks' stay in New York.

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Murray Draiman, of Detroit, Mich., spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Alfred Hart, Auburn Apartments.

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Mrs. Ted Sterling, Spadina Road, and Miss Ruth Lavine, Wells Hill Avenue, motored to Rochester, N.Y., where they will visit relatives.

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Mrs. Murray S. Brodey, Yonge Street, who spent the winter in the South, came home on Wednesday.

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Mrs. A. Rotstein, Lyndhurst Avenue, entertained at four tables of bridge on Tuesday evening last in honor of Mrs. L. Greenberg who left here to make her home in Montreal; and Mrs. A. Shevell of Los Angeles; Mrs. A. J. Langor and Mrs. I. Segel, of Hamilton. Prizes were won by Mesdames A. J. Langor, J. Lunenfield, B. Bregman and A. Brown.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Keyfetz, Miss Sylvia and Murray Keyfetz, Northcliffe Boulevard, have returned from Chicago after attending the Keyfetz-Alexander wedding.

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Mrs. L. A. Maldover, Cedarvale Mansions, returned on Wednesday from an extended trip to Rochester and New York.

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A. I. Goodman, of San Francisco, is stopping with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wasserman, 109 Lauder Avenue, en route to Europe.

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Mrs. Leopold Stossil, Kingston Road, returns the latter part of this week from a trip to Montreal.

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Mrs. M. Rosenthal, Fairview Boulevard, who spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. J. Pesicov, came home on Friday.

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Mrs. R. Perlman, D'Arcy Street, entertained on Sunday evening last, in honor of her son Barry's birthday.

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A birthday party was held at the home of Miss Pearl Swartz, Maria Street, Saturday. Covers were laid for forty guests. Orchestra. Lucky number dances were won by Miss Belle Rotish and Stanley Shack. Miss Ida Adler of Guelph, Ont., sang.

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Mrs. B. D. Garfield, Oriole Parkway, entertained on Friday evening last in compliment to Mrs. B. Hyman, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Mrs. M. A. Levinter, Benson Avenue, entertained on Sunday last at bridge in compliment to Mrs. Martin J. Dittman, of Youngstown, Ohio, welcoming Mesdames A. Elston, S. Harris, Phil Abrams, S. Factor, S. Rotenberg, I. Fenster, A. Cohen, W. Winkler, P. Lavine, R. Waldman, S. Levinter, I. Levinter, J. Newman, Misses Dorothy Yanover, Fanny Schwartz, and Jean Kert.

J. Nissenbaum, Northcliffe Boulevard, is spending the week-end in New York.

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Miss Mary Fogle, of 55 Oakwood Avenue, spent the recent holidays in Montreal with her brother, B. H. Fogle.

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Mrs. M. Rotenberg, of Flint, Mich., who spent the past two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. Sandy, Springhurst Avenue, has left for home.

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Mrs. H. D. Golby, Bloor Street West, who spent the past few weeks in New York, returned home on Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Marks, of New York are in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Grehen, Ossington Avenue.

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Mrs. Celia Helpert, Palmerston Boulevard, spent the week-end in Buffalo, N. Y.

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Mrs. Louis Soles, Kendal Avenue, who has been in Miami Beach, Fla., for the winter came home on Sunday.

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Mrs. Irving Kline, of Edmonton, Alta., is in town visiting with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. List, Wilson Avenue.

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Mrs. Sydney Roth, College Street, left for a three weeks' visit to Mount Clemens where she will visit with Dr. and Mrs. J. Sher, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Bromberg and in Chicago with Mr. and Mrs. M. Kupferberg (née Celia Nussbaum).

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Mrs. David Shulman, High Park Avenue, is spending a week in New York.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Herman, Wells Hill Avenue, were hosts to some of their friends on Saturday evening last; and on Sunday entertained at a dinner and presentation for Mr. Herman's sister, Mrs. J. Pollack.

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Mrs. S. Goldenberg, Kingston Road, was at home to some of her friends on Sunday evening last.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. Joseph and family, formerly of Hilton Avenue, have left to live in Kitchener, Ont.

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Mrs. B. Liebman, Roxton Road, entertained at a bridge and presentation in honor of Mrs. Murray Tafadash (née Belle Sadowsky) a recent bride.

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Mrs. M. Rother and daughter, Pauline, was hostess at a luncheon and theatre party complimenting Mrs. D. Shulman, who is leaving for Winnipeg; Mrs. S. Isaacson, Heath Street West also entertained in her honor at luncheon and theatre.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Stone and daughter, Maud, Cecil Street, who spent the winter in Miami Beach, Fla., are at home.

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Mrs. Jack Carrick and children, Humewood Gardens, are at home after spending a week in Detroit, Mich., with Mr. Carrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Carrick.

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Mrs. I. Rosenswelg, Mrs. H. Reines and daughter, Bernice; M. Ballck, of Cleveland; and L. Ballick, of Norfolk, Va., were the guests for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. I. Berg, Grenadier Road and Mr. and Mrs. J. Waxman, Geoffrey Apartments.

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Mrs. A. L. Shapiro, Stibbard Avenue, and Mrs. W. Harris, Beverley Street, came home Wednesday from a motor trip to New York.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson, Austin Crescent, left Friday for New York where they will spend several days.

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Mrs. B. Ludwig, Westmount Avenue, returns next Saturday from a ten days' stay in New York.

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Mr. and Mrs. Barnett E. Laxer, Glenwood Apartments, are home from a week's motor trip to Montreal.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Harlig, formerly of Northcliffe, Boulevard, Toronto, have left this city to make their home in Montreal.

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Among Toronto Jewish Women

Miss Tmima Littner says: "The most capable woman I know is my mother, Mrs. Emma D. Littner. She was born in Tiberias, Palestine, a grand-daughter of Ha Makarsha the great Hebrew philosopher and poet. Her father, a Rabbi, travelled extensively through Europe on behalf of various organizations. She has a document signed by a Sultan giving her father a permit to travel. My mother taught Hebrew for six years in the schools conducted by the Alliance Israelite Universelle at Jaffa and Safed and at Rosh Pina. In New York she was the first woman Hebrew teacher employed by the Clinton St., Talmud Torah. At the same time she was the principal of the Henry St., Primary Hebrew School. In Toronto in 1921 she organised, and was the president for three years, of the Ryerson Home and School Club. During this time she instituted the first night school in Toronto for adult foreigners. With the assistance of the Bnai Brith she ran a Chanukah party for 2,000 children. My mother aided the late M. M. Cohen in organising boys' clubs meeting at Ryerson School, the forerunners of the Jewish Boys' Club. She taught at the Zionist Sunday School, with the late Mr. Ramm; was Yiddish secretary for the United Synagogue of Toronto, Mrs. I. L. Siegel being the president; was organizer and former president of the Adath Israel Auxiliary; of the Chenstochower Ladies Auxiliary; and of the Teferith Israel Auxiliary. She speaks Yiddish, Hebrew, Arabic, French, and English. For the last several years she has been taking a well-earned rest from cultural and communal activities."

Mrs. J. M. Axler, Bracondale Hill Road, who spent a few days in Buffalo, N. Y., returned home on Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Emsig and family, Dufferin Street, spent the week-end in Jackson's Point, Ont.

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Mrs. Paul Silver, of Montreal, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. Aiken, Palmerston Boulevard.

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Mr. and Mrs. Noah Fox, of London, Ont., are in town visiting Mrs. Fox's father, M. Cohen, Spadina Road, and sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Breslin, Austin Terrace.

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Miss Evelyn Sprachman, Boon Avenue, left to spend several weeks in Jackson's Point, Ont.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Aiken and family, formerly of 866 Broadview Avenue, have moved to their new home at 415 Palmerston Boulevard.

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Mrs. S. Schreiber, Mrs. I. Levine, of Hamilton, Ont.; and Mrs. I. Schlein, 337 Huron Street, entertained on Sunday evening at the latter's home at a linen shower and bridge in honor of Miss Ruth Nudelman, a bride-elect of next month. Prizes were won by Mrs. A. Goodman, Mrs. N. B. Schipper, Mrs. M. Nudelman, Misses Celia Schiff and Shirley Tishler.

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Mrs. N. Slotkin, Grange Avenue, left for New York to buy a Sefer Torah for Anshe Leider Synagogue.

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D. Robold, Crawford Street, has left for New York and will be the guest of Reverend J. Goldman.

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Harry James, Ossington Avenue, has gone to Ottawa to manage a men's clothing shop.

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Miss Mildred Goodman, Lippincott Street, entertained at three tables of bridge in compliment to her guest, Miss Zena Finkelstein, of Detroit, Mich. Prize-winners were Misses Evelyn Roebuck, Sophie Garfhon, and Ruth Lowe.

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Misses Rose Schukyn and Selma Sonshine entertained at a tea and presentation Saturday afternoon last at the King Edward Hotel, as a courtesy to Miss Ruth Nudelman, a bride-elect of next month. About 30 guests were present.

OFFICERS CHOSEN

Election of officers for the Extwol Girls was held on April 14th at the home of Miss Marie Rawet, Markham Street. Results: President, Marie Rawet; Secretary, re-elected, Anne Gertzbein; treasurer re-elected, Ray Levenson; Publicity Agent, Frances Pezim; social convenor, re-elected, Frances Pezim, and Pearle Graftstein. Installation was held at the home of the leader, Miss Faye Bornstein, Cecil Street, at a bridge

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Now that the Jewish Girls' Club Intermediate Basketball Team has captured the Eastern Canada Championship by defeating the Sun Life Team of Montreal, 49-20 on the round, the Junior Team are out to get the Provincial Championship, by playing the Hamilton Olympics, Hamilton Champions. The first game of the Home and Home series was won by Community House Juniors in Hamilton, Saturday, April 18th, score of 27-13. The game was fast and clean, only four fouls being called in the entire game. Hamilton scored the first basket but could not find the hoop again until the second half, while the Community House found the basket for six goals and one free throw, the half time score being 15-3. The second half started with Community House still going strong and at ¾ time the score was 21-5. In the last quarter Hamilton outscored Community House 8-6. Jimmie Cohen, Rita Weinstein and Bella Rossman on the forward line for the winners gave such a dashing display of speed and combination that they carried everything before them and scored 20 points, while Lily Jacobs on the defence made three nice long shots and Hilda Perchenik scored the only foul shot. For Hamilton, J. Miller, R. Linkert and E. Foot played good games and the others trying very hard but they lacked the teamwork which is necessary for a winning team. Next game at Community House, 44 St. George Street, Saturday, April 25th, at 8 p.m. Dancing.

Delsias held a theatre party at the Empire Theatre Friday, April 10. attended by Misses, Ida Hurwitz, leader; Rose Rubenstein, Essie Simons, Thelma Kaufman, Esther Fine, Sylvia Sniderman, Lil Jacobs, Sara Austin, Jimmie Cohen.

A joint meeting and social was held by Gamma Sigmas and Al Roy Young men. Present: Misses A. Cohen, A. Landau, B. Landau, P. Lester, N. Kendall, R. Berg, M. Chepkin, V. Alexander, M. Goodman, H. Greenbaum, J. Noble, L. Selznick, F. Kirsh, S. Shaberman, R. Alexander, D. Isaacson, M. Langer; and J. Hymson, L. Cappe, R. Rotman, J. Starr, H. Eugene, A. Shapero, J. Isen, I. Rosen, J. Gold, P. Levy, N. Brown, L. Kay, A. Abel, A. Pisko, J. Lokast, B. Valensky. A Mock Trial was held by Sylvia Shaberman, Vera Alexander, Minnie Goodman, Percy Levy, Al. Abel and Ralph Rotman. Others in the performance were Lou Cappe and a short skit by Percy Levy and Lou Cappe. Prize dances were won by Vera Alexander and Ben Valensky; Rose Berg and Joe Gold.

Raylm Girls held a Passover party at the home of Lil Roseman. Present were Misses, Ruth Wolman, Leader, S. Numak, S. Marigold, L. Roseman, D. Goodman, S. Pacter, B. Levenstein, B. Rubenstein; and J. Wollock, H. Phillips, J. Davis, N. Samuels, L. Katz, C. Wasserman, M. Orenstein and Al. Cutler. Prizes were won by Buddie Levenstein, Carl Wasserman, Sara Marigold and Jack Davis.

Delsias held a Pancake party at the home of Jimmie Cohen. Those who cooked pancakes were Miss Ida Hurwitz, leader; Misses Jimmie Cohen, Rose Grossman, Essie Simons, Sophie Garshon, Thelma Kaufman, Pearl Gangbar, Sylvia Sniderman, Sara Austin, Esther Fine, Rebecca Greenberg; and Myer Greenberg and Milton Hurwitz. Winner of the Actor and Actresses game was Sophie Garshon.

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ATTEND JUNIOR HADASSAH DANCE

Ziona Chapter of Junior Hadassah held a dance at the Hollywood Inn, Tuesday evening, April 14th. Convenors, Misses Jean Goldman and Ida Keyfetz. Among those who attended were: Misses Shirley Bernstein, Flo Bucksban, Minnie Capp, Gertrude Caplan, Estelle Cohen, Ethel Cohen, Ida Fine, Hannah Fine, Rose Fink, Belle Gaffe, Rose Ginsberg, Lena Gittlemaker, Sadie Glassberg, Jean Goldman, Mildred Goodman, Jean Gould, Lillian Gross, Hilda Haber, Anne Hamburg, Rose Heit, Betty Hoffman, Gertrude Jackson, Ida Keyfetz, Leah Kofsky, Rose Kramer, Claire Lefton, Shirley Levenson, Libbye Lesser, Etta Litvak, Celia Model, Ethel Pugen, Ida Rashofsky, Lillian Robertson, Ruth Rogul, Belle Rosenbloom, Dorothy Saunders, Rebecca Samovitz, Ida Silverman, Babe Shankman, Eva Shomstein, Lily Small, Ada Senderowitz, Rae Shore, Rose Spector, Kate Sprechman, Anne Stein, Lillian Stein, Ida Y. Straus, Laura Vanek, Helen Young, Gertrude Yollick, Francis Zakon and Faye Zernitsky; and Al Abroms, Victor Albert, Joe Alspector, Joe Bassin, H. Baum, Mac Benson, Al Berg, Phil Berger, Jack Berger, Louis Cowitz, Mac Dutch, Jack Eichler, Al Elsen, Bert Faibish, Dave Fine, Teddy Freedman, L. Fenkell, Harry Gold, Sam Goldman, G. Goodman, M. Gillet, Mac Green, Nat Gudofsky, Ben Hamet, Milton Horowitz, Sam Kaplan, Harry Kendler, Dr. J. Landau, Harry Levenson, Charles Levenstein, Sam Litvak, Dr. S. Model, Joe Moses, Gordon, Lou Pugen, M. Rotstein, Reuben Rodness, H. Robinson, Abe Ramm, Dr. H. N. Reiss, Ben Shore, Alec Silverman, Al Simon, Nat Stein, Harry Strauss, M. Thomas, H. Vineberg, A. Vanek, Alec Wolgrush, Dr. Sol Weber, Harry Zacks, John Zeldin, Mrs. A. Cowitz, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gurofsky, Mr. and Mrs. B. Gelfand, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gold, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kerbel, Mr. and Mrs. H. Posen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Silvert, Mr. and Mrs. J. Starr and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weinberg.

FRATERNAL SOFTBALL

Jewish Fraternal Softball League met last Wednesday night, April 22nd., at the office of A. Greenbaum, with President Mark Covant in the chair. Arrangements were made for the opening nights. The League will open on the first Tuesday in May if possible. Teams and managers: Bnai Brith, Jack Rumack, Judean Benevolent, Will Brown, Knights of Pythias, Nathan Kaplan, Pride of Israel, George Goldman, Foresters, Morris Goodfellow, Y.M.-H.A., Nate Mincovitch, Grand Order of Israel, Joe Goodman, Rokeahs, Frank Reingold, and Buffs, Murray Caplan.

CLUBS MEET TOGETHER

The Mercury and Hart Clubs held a joint meeting Sunday, April 12th. Dr. Cassidy, of the Economics Department of the University of Toronto, spoke on "The Political Economy of Art." Miss Doris Tenner recited. Lou Sherman, violinist, was assisted by Leo Barkin at the piano. Miss Evelyn Greenbaum played the piano. Moving pictures were shown by Al Sherman. Nordia Club and the Mizpah Chapter of Hadassah were guests.

COUNCIL LUNCHEON

Council of Jewish Women annual luncheon Thursday, April 30th, at 12.30 in the Alexandra Room of the King Edward Hotel. Guest speaker, Mrs. Rebecca M. Seligman, President of the New York State Conference and Vice-president of the National Board.

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To Mr. and Mrs. J. Engel (née Lollie Greisman) at the Private Patients Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital, April 2nd., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wasserman, 109 Lauder Avenue, Sunday, April 19th, at the Toronto General Hospital, a daughter.

Deaths

The death occurred of David Landsberg Wednesday, April 15th., at the Wellesley hospital. Mr. Landsberg was born in Russia 65 years ago and was a member of the St. Andrews Street Synagogue. Burial took place at the Minsker cemetery. Besides his wife, Betsy, Mr. Landsberg is survived by three daughters, Mrs. M. Cohn, Mrs. S. Steiner, of this city, and Mrs. S. Kauffman, of Stratford, Ont.; two sons, Jack, of Toronto; and Morris, of Chicago.

The death occurred of Isaac Brown, of Cleveland, Ohio, March 19th. The late Mr. Brown was 77 years old and was a resident of Toronto 33 years ago. He was a member of the Holy Blossom Synagogue here. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. W. Rosenthal, of Wells Hill Avenue, Toronto: Misses Anna and Maud Brown, of Cleveland, Ohio; four sons, Ben, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Phillip, of Youngstown, Ohio; Louis of Cleveland; and Harry of Chicago.

Marriages

Keyfetz-Alexander

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Alexander, of Chicago, announce the marriage of their only daughter, Leaila E., to Dr. Ben Keyfetz, of Rochester, N.Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Keyfetz, Northcliffe Boulevard, Toronto, in Chicago, on April 16th.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. A. Weingarten, of 61 Borden Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne, to William Weinstein.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Samuels, Palmerston Boulevard, announce the engagement of their daughter, Olive Joy, to Maurice Liberman, of Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. William Agranove, Austin Terrace, announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Irwin Lyons, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lyons, of Hamilton, Ont.

CONVENE RALLY

Mozirer Sick Benefit Society held their rally April 19th. H. L. Mangel was master of Ceremonies. Convenors: Mesdames A. Rosenberg, M. Barrer, R. Persovsky, S. Breslin, I. Goldberg, B. Ludwig, A. Cambell, R. Smith and S. Leizer; and H. L. Mangel, M. Axsmith, F. Cohen, H. Karasick, I. Levy, I. Silverman, M. Schelberg, H. Posen, J. Babbit, B. Shametefsky, C. Handleman, and H. Kofsky. The Girls' Club gave two character sketches in which Misses Anna Rosenberg and Rose Smith took part. Presentations were made to A. Rosenberg, 1930 Chairman; A. Rosenblatt, 1931 Chairman; H. L. Mangel and Nora Mangel. Sam Belfer and his orchestra donated two hours of dance music.

NEW YIDDISH WEEKLY TO BE PUBLISHED

A. Rhinewine, who edited the Hebrew Journal for the last sixteen years, and who was formerly its city editor for three years, has severed his connections with that publication and will edit a new weekly in the Yiddish language, The Canadian Tribune, the first number to be published in May. H. M. Kirshenbaum, former managing editor of the Journal is joining Mr. Rhinewine in his new enterprise in offices in the Standard Theatre Building. A charter for the Tribune Publications Ltd. has been applied for.

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL ENLISTS SUPPORT

Rabbi Barnett Brickner, of Cleveland, Ohio, former rabbi of Holy Blossom Synagogue, Toronto, was the guest speaker at the inaugural banquet of the United Palestine Appeal for $100,000 at the Windsor Hotel Tuesday night.

$25,000 was subscribed the opening day. The chairman is A. J. Freiman, of Ottawa, president of the Zionist Organization of Canada. Rabbi Brickner said, not the pocket book, but the Book, is the metier of the Jews, because the one land they chose to unite Jewish sentiment was one in which no money could be made. "The building of Palestine seeks to create healthful mindedness in the Jewish people throughout the world. The deed is more important than the word."

In introducing the speaker, Louis Fitch, K.C., said that Rabbi Brickner was a disciple of the theory that "It is better to have a plantation than a decoration." He said that the preservation of the Jewish people was an unconscious act of the individual members of the race. Jewish persecution kept Jews as an entity, but Jewish prosperity is a greater danger," he remarked en passant.

Rabbi Harry J. Stern spoke. Others seated at the head table included: A. J. Freiman, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Darwin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Singer, Rabbi and Mrs. J. L. Zlotnik, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. Abramowitz, Lyon Cohen, Rabbi Charles Bender, Samuel Hart, Mrs. S. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bronfman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Levinson, Sr., Mrs. A. Selick, Mrs. Joseph Cohen, Mrs. B. Perelmutter.

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The communicable diseases are so named because they have certain characteristics in common, the most outstanding and important being that they are all spread from one person to another.

Communicable diseases are caused by living agents called bacteria, parasites or disease germs. Each disease has its particular germ. The germ of diphtheria never causes any disease except diphtheria, and so it is with others in the group.

The germs are usually passed directly from one person to another. Most of the communicable diseases from which we suffer in this country are spread in this manner. The germs leave the body in the secretions of nose, mouth and throat. In the acts of coughing, sneezing, expectorating or loud talking, these secretions are thrown out into the surrounding air, into the faces of persons who are nearby and who receive the germs in this way.

It is obvious that we should cough and sneeze only into a handkerchief, and that we should not talk directly into another person's face.

The saliva is, of course, deposited on all eating and drinking utensils which are placed in the mouth or which come into contact with the lips. If these utensils are used by another person before they have been cleansed, that person takes into his mouth the first individual's saliva, which may contain the germs of disease.

That is why it is unsafe to use common eating or drinking utensils, the common drinking cup constituting a very real danger. It is also why dishes should be thoroughly washed after use and why there are laws requiring the sterilization of dishes in public eating-places.

You may agree that such care is reasonable, providing some person in the home is ill and that it appears sensible to be careful outside the home, but you are apt to feel, when everyone in the home is apparently well, that no particular care is necessary; that it is quite all right for everyone to use the common cup at the sink when drinking between meals.

The reason why this is not all right and why you need to take care at all times is, first of all, because it is only by remembering to be careful always, that you continue to do so when this is necessary. The second reason is that it is not possible to tell which persons have disease germs in their noses and throats. The germ is, of course, present in those suffering from the disease caused by that particular germ, but germs may also be present in persons who have recovered, and, in the case of some disease, even when the person has not been ill.

The spread of the communicable diseases may, to some extent, be arrested by the control of coughs, sneezes and expectoration, and by the avoidance of common eating and drinking utensils.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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COMMENTARIES

By Rabbi HARRY J. STERN, *of Montreal,*
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A PERFUNCTORY AFFAIR

The Annual Meeting of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies held last Sunday was indeed a mechanical affair and without interest. Out of thousands of subscribers less than two hundred came to listen to the fourteenth annual report — and among these brave two hundred only two ladies. As the secretaries reported the accomplishments of the various constituent societies of the past year—few, if any, members of the audience listened or paid attention. The rapid mechanical readings of minutes reminded us of the automatic manner of "davening" in the old shul. It was a matter of getting through with it. It had to be done.

Now annual meetings should be more interesting. They should carry something of an educational aspect. After all "Zedakah" is not the mere giving of alms to our poor Jews. Jewish Social Service presents a philosophy and science of life. That science requires study. Raising huge sums of money and spending it even wisely for the physical needs of the unfortunate does not constitute "the all" of Jewish philanthropy.

Annual meetings should therefore be occasions inspirational: they should provide opportunity for discussing and planning new ventures into communal work — ventures that will deal with the soul-repair and soul needs of the human wreckage that drifts to Federation's doors. And isn't it time for our Jewish Federation to consider seriously social service work of a preventative nature?

The supporters of Federation must not, in the future, take on an attitude of indifference toward annual conclaves. Certainly those in charge of Federations affairs—the officials—merit some consideration and appreciation. The least we can do is to be present at an annual gathering and express by our presence our gratitude to those who labor unceasingly on the various boards of Federation's institutions.

THE REFORM MOVEMENT

A new and revised edition of Dr. David Philipson's authoritative work on The Reform Movement in Judaism has recently been published by MacMillan. It is the only work in English on the Liberal Jewish Movement. In a most interesting manner, Rabbi Philipson traces the Reform Movement in its development. Those who unthinkingly speak of Liberal Judaism as a religion of mere convenience will do well to make a serious study of Dr. Philipson's monumental work. They will then come to know that Reform Judaism is an outgrowth of modern life; that it began a little more than a century ago with the purpose of de-Ghettoising Judaism and making it once more a living, growing religion. The last chapter of Dr. Philipson's revised work recounts the recent onward march of Reform in France and in England and the establishment of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The author splendidly sums up the ideology of Reform in the following closing paragraphs:

"The story of the Reform movement is the record of this readjustment and this adaptation. The essentials as they appear in prophetic thought remain unchanged, it is only the interpretation and expression of these essentials as demanded by the changed conceptions of modern life that are different from past interpretation and expression. The work of the Reform movement has been, in a word, to substitute for the nationalistic, legalistic, and ceremonial form of Judaism—the product of the ages of exclusion, repression, and the ghetto—the universal and spiritual teachings that accentuate Judaism's message of ethical monotheism. The modern spirit touched Judaism, and the reform movement sprang forth. Reform Judaism bridges antiquity and modernity, garbing the eternal verities in the raiment of these latter days. It proclaims the great truth that God's revelation is progressive, and that Judaism has in itself the power of adaptation to bring this revelation to successive ages.

That God reveals himself thus constantly will continue to be a fundamental principle of Reform Judaism; indeed, this much may surely be said, the Reform movement in Judaism is part and parcel of that great change of front in the religious thought of mankind that modernity symbolizes; part, too, of the broader and freer outlook that came with the passing of medievalism; and as these broader and freer forces move majestically forward, there will keep pace therewith the liberal religious spirit, leading men at last to God's holy hill and His tabernacle."